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FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are in loving memory of Thomas J. Blyth, Jr. (10th Anniv., March 6th) with love from his wife and daughters.

FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL ARE ALSO in loving memory of Donald Marshall Couche (2nd Anniv.) with love from Silkie, Sassie, Sweetness and Teresa Rivera. May he rest in eternal peace.

DURING LENT FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHAPEL ONLY. If you wish to donate for flowers, please call Alice Bolchoz at 766-7202. Requests for flowers must be received by the Sunday evening prior to publication.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Black & Indian Mission. This collection assists parishes in providing the tools and personnel for passing on our living faith. There are numerous life changing stories of conversion, redemption and salvation. May God bless you for your generosity in promoting the Black & Indian Mission collection this year.

Welcome once again to **FATHER TERRY FLEMMING**, who is celebrating the 9 & 11 o'clock Masses!

LENTEN CORNER

"I BELIEVE..." During Lent, Mr. Carl Sims (Adjunct Professor, The Citadel) will present the creed and provide guidance from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for better understanding of what we recite. Two weekly sessions, on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, remain. Light refreshments will be provided.

RICE BOWLS are available at the entrance to the church. Please take a rice bowl and leaflet. Rice bowls may be returned in the marked receptacle near the front door.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION HOUR THIS WEEK - Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. This week the stations will be led by the Right-to-Life Group.

During Lent, our **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP** is encouraging participation in their class. They meet from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

2010 LENTEN RETREAT- For more information, please see the insert in today's bulletin.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES WITH CONFESSION ARE AVAILABLE AT: Cathedral on March 9 at 7pm; St. Theresa the Little Flower on March 11 at 7pm; Christ Our King, March 15 at 7pm; St. Patrick on March 18 at 6:30pm; Immaculate Conception on March 22 at 7pm; Nativity on March 23 at 7pm; St. John the Beloved on March 23 at 7pm; St. Joseph on March 23 at 7pm; and St. Anthony on March 25 at 7pm.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY:	March 7
10:00 AM	Coffee and donuts - Parish Hall Religious Education - School Bible Group - MR
7:15 PM	Outreach - Parish Hall
MONDAY:	March 8
12:00 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	"I Believe" - Parish Hall St. Vincent de Paul - MR
7:30 PM	Novena and Benediction
TUESDAY:	March 9
12:00 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	Stewardship - MR
WEDNESDAY:	March 10
12:00 PM	Mass
6:45 PM	Choir Practice
7:00 PM	RCIA - Parish Hall Spanish RCIA - MR Additional Confession time - Church
THURSDAY:	March 11
8:45 AM	School Mass
12 NOON	Mass
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council - MR Bible Study - Parish Office
FRIDAY:	March 12
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

PARISH NEWS



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM: The next RCIA class will be held Wed., March 10, 2010. The topic for this class is "Jesus and Jewish Customs." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Adorers are needed on the following days and times: Tuesday 1pm to 2pm, Wednesday 3am to 4am and Friday 8am to 9am. If you can commit to one of these on a weekly basis, please call Charlie Lindsey at 766-2867.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIOR SOCIAL: Help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Please join us on Wednesday, March 17, from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Mass will be held in the church beginning at 12 Noon. Lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall following Mass. Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, March 15 (556-0801).

YOUTH CORNER**CROSSOVER** - For 6th-8th Graders**THIS WEEK****Saturday, March 6:** Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 p.m.**NEXT MEETING****Saturday, March 13: NO MEETING -Joe out of town.****OUTREACH** - For 9th-12th Graders**THIS WEEK****Sunday, March 7:** Parish Hall - 7:45-8:15 p.m.**Wednesday:** Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church - 6:30-7:00 a.m.

Start your day right with Mass.

Wednesday: Bible Study

Joe's Office - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring: A Bible

NEXT MEETING**Sunday, March 14: NO MEETING - DYC**For any questions or comments about youth ministry, contact Joe Burgess. **766-3633.****SCHOOL CORNER**

Very often, the generosity of the BSS students and families exceeds expectations. Once again, the goal was met ... and then some! The Haitian Relief collection was \$1,000.30! All given from the heart - without incentives or rewards for their giving. We are very proud and thankful for how BSS helps the community and the world! Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE

"I have heard the cry of my people who are being oppressed... Therefore I have come down to rescue them." So God speaks to Moses in today's first reading. The central events of the Old and New Testaments are about God rescuing his people who are being oppressed. Our forefathers were oppressed as slaves in Egypt and rescued through the waters of the Red Sea. We are oppressed by sin and death, and are rescued through the waters of baptism.

Yet the rescued must also rescue. We cannot turn to God for mercy and be deaf to the cries of others for mercy. We are not allowed simply to look at God and thank him for rescuing us. We are, rather, to let our gratitude become service, directed at rescuing others. In our day, these reflections show us our obligation to rescue the most vulnerable human beings of all, our brothers and sisters oppressed by abortion and euthanasia. This is the fruit of which Jesus speaks in the Gospel passage; this is the repentance he seeks of us. (Taken from PriestsforLife.org)

March 25, 2010 - **LOWCOUNTRY PREGNANCY CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET** - "Amazing Praise" - Embassy Suites Ballroom, 5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston - 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker and pro-life advocate will be Pam Tebow (the mother of Tim Tebow- quarterback for the Florida Gators and winner of the Heisman Trophy). Please call 843-863-1510 for more information or visit <http://lcpcdonors.com>.

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?****Lowcountry Pregnancy Center:**

553-3505 (N. Chas.) or 225-3010 (West Ashley)

Birthright of Charleston: 556-4403**Nationwide Toll Free:** 1-800-395-HELPwww.pregnancycenters.org**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - MARCH 14, 2010**

Monday	03/08	2 Kings 5:1-15	Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	03/09	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	03/10	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	03/11	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Friday	03/12	Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	03/13	Hosea 6:1-6	Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	03/14	Joshua 5:9, 10-12	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 4th Sunday of Lent

BLESSED SACRAMENT
A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



The Mission of Blessed Sacrament Church is to form and sustain a Catholic community in which all are welcomed and provided with the opportunities and means to know Christ better, to grow in faith and love, and to give witness jointly to the Kingdom of God by their lives.

ELIJAH CUP ... CALL TO FAMILY PRAYER ... CALL TO DISCERN VOCATIONS
JOURNAL THOUGHTS RECORDED and FUTURE SCHEDULE



**ELIJAH CUP
 PRAYING
 FOR
 VOCATIONS**

The ELIJAH CUP is accompanied by a Journal to record thoughts, insights and inspirations that arise during the week of prayer in the home. The following are a few of the entries in the Journal.

We loved having the Elijah Cup in our home! It really helped us focus on the mystery of God's work inside each of us! Our 8 year old son and 4 year old daughter loved looking at the engraving of Jesus at the Last Supper, and thought this was the very cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper!

Lord, may we all be like little children - enthralled by your majesty and greatness and beauty. And may we all eagerly await your call to serve!

May we be open to God as He speaks to us and our children to the possibility of serving Him in many ways, large and small. Then, that we act upon those possibilities - whether prompted from within or from others.

May all of us be open to the religious life as the opportunity presents itself regardless of age. May all of us be open to serving Him through the Third Orders of the religious. May all of us be open to serving Him through the various groups created to serve Him either as a profession or as a volunteer.

Having the cup in our home was very inspirational. It helped the focus of our prayers.

HOME VISIT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>
March 7	Sunday 9:00am	Mrs. Ehinger's Class
March 14	Sunday 11:00am	Lori & Ken Roberson Family
March 21	Saturday 6:15pm	Peggy Bohne
March 28	Sunday 9:00am	Clare & Bill Richter
April 4	Sunday 11:00am	Marcarena & Joe Keating Fam
April 10	Saturday 6:15pm	Chrissy & Donald Walton Fam

Notes from OUR SCHOOL



As a Roman Catholic school, we are a community of parents, educators and students who value solid educational principles, opportunities for enrichment and the development of each child's unique God-given gifts.

We are the primary educational ministry of Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph parishes, serving children in grades K4-8. We welcome students and their families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds who seek a nurturing, faith-based education in an environment of security and mutual respect.

In the spirit of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who have guided our school since its founding in 1948, we prepare children academically, spiritually, morally and socially for an effective future as citizens and servants of God.

Ratified January 9, 2006

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY AND GO BEYOND WHAT'S POSSIBLE

The following is the second installment of a letter written by a parent of a student at Blessed Sacrament School who asked to remain anonymous. Her letter summarizes the extraordinary Tradition of Excellence that is the hallmark of a Catholic education at Blessed Sacrament School.

A PARENT'S OPEN LETTER (INSTALLMENT 2)...

From this Catholic parent's perspective, here are just a few of the benefits we've received:

- *Enrichment Opportunities* – As mentioned, Catholic Education results in great test scores, top notch religious instruction and much more. Part of that “much more” includes things like sports teams and physical education, band, choirs, science fair, essay competitions, computer labs, arts, languages and so much more. With the extended day options, it's even easier for parents and kids to take advantage of these opportunities.
- *Service* – Children of Blessed Sacrament learn so much more in the area of service to others. One of the best examples is “Buddy Day” which is where older children are paired with younger students to help them become part of the school community. Additionally, the school can point to other examples of the service hours program, support of the missions and field trips to serenade at homes for the elderly.
- *Sense of Belonging* – Parishes thrive for many reasons. One of these reasons includes kids who come back as adults and raise their families in their childhood parish. We have many cases of that at Blessed Sacrament and it's a powerful example of how well our school and parish have been successful in creating a sense of belonging. Friendships formed in second and third grade continue in seventh and eighth and, in many cases, right on into adulthood.
- *Gratitude* – I'm not sure how much gratitude was expressed by my kids while in school. I believe that comes later as they grow to maturity. It's then they begin to *realize how much their Catholic Education has benefited their lives*. It's then they realize how much their entire parish community contributed to who they are. From the commitment of the faculty and staff, to the donors to school and parish projects, to the selfless volunteers at HSA and school activities, to the prayers of school moms and dads, kids do come to recognize they didn't receive their Catholic Education in a vacuum. They received it as part of a larger parish community ... and they benefited from it deeply. Ultimately, I can only hope and pray they'll turn around some day and do the same for future generations of kids.

I've only scratched the surface of how Catholic Education has benefited my kids. The key to my children's successes in education ... at least from this parent's perspective ... has been Blessed Sacrament School existing as part and parcel of the larger Blessed Sacrament parish community. In this day and age of analyzing and over-analyzing the technical and financial implications of every institution with which we interact, it's crucial that we not neglect the parish community and the human qualities of a strong Catholic Education system. The involvement of parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and all parishioners committed to their faith community and Catholic Education continues to make all the difference.

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, Baby Nathan (4th Anniv., March 5), M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Marion L. "Mickey" Burn, Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Edward J. Finnerty, Louis Frizelle, Helen Garret, Roger W. Hadley, Eugene L. Halsey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Daniel F. Kennerty, Sr., Lawrence J. Kennerty, Sr., Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, James P. Luhrs, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Donald McEwan, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Caronell Thomy (1st Anniv., March 4), Laura Snowden Walker, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, Ron L. Welcker, and a special intention.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eva Marie Baird, Dorothy Bendt, Patrick Birt, Les Blyth, Harper Drolet, Kit Dunlap, Jane Finnerty, Joan Finnerty, Sally Fosberry, Kerry Jacques, Paula Johnson, Abe Keating, Donna Keating, Mildred "Tunkey" Kennerty, Frank Kerr, Sally LaTorre, Emmalee Lyman, Charlie Meyer, Edson Moya, Barbara Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Andrew Siegers, Bryan Wilson, and all members of our parish who are sick and/or hospitalized. **To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call Helen Mellette at 556-2707.**



PLEASE PRAY for parishioners and their family members who are in the missionary, military, or support services and stationed in hazardous locations overseas. Sr. Mary Bernard (Vietnam), Brian Cummings (son of M/M Ronald E. Smith), Abby Ford (granddaughter of Gertrude Heuer), Dodger Jeffcott, Brian Noel Kellahan, Krystal Mason, Daniel Metts (nephew of M/M Tony Weatherford), Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

The **PASTORAL COUNCIL** consists of nine individuals elected from the parish membership. Any member, 18 years or older, of our parish is eligible to serve as a member of the council. Each elected member serves a 3 year term. The council is advisory in nature and consultative in vote. Its role is to work with the pastor in determining a vision of growth and development for the parish and establish reasonable goals and objectives. Members of the Pastoral Council whose terms expire in 2010 are: Sallie Bendt, Joe Pinto and Robert Maguire. Nominations will be received in writing following all Masses on March 20 & 21 and 27 & 28. Elections will be held by ballot on April 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS will have their group photo taken by Accuphoto Lab on Sunday, March 14 at 12 noon in the church. Please be there if you want your picture taken for the church directory.

2010 CHARLESTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS: Wednesday, March 17, 8:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 134 St. Philip Street; 10:00 am parade from St. Patrick's to St. John the Baptist Cathedral via King Street; 11:30 am Irish flag-raising, etc. at City Hall on Broad and Meeting Streets; and 12:00 noon Irish luncheon/entertainment at O'Malley's, 549 King Street. Contact Shannon Hurley at 556-3578 or hurley.jshannon1@gmail.com.

A **LENTE DAY OF REFLECTION** is being offered for young adults and young adult leaders on March 20, 2010, from 9:15 am until 3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Hills in Columbia, S.C. Cost is \$15 per person. Presenter for the reflection day will be Fr. Timothy S. Valentine, a member of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus and a priest-in-residence at Transfiguration Church in Blythewood, S.C. For more information, contact Deacon James Moore at jmoore@catholic-doc.org or 843-670-2586.

JAVA WITH JESUS- Young adults have the opportunity to join Fr. Wilson, Bishop Guglielmone and the Dominican Sisters of Nashville at a three part Lenten journey about encountering Jesus in your life on March 3, 10 and 15 from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Daughters of St. Paul on King Street. Admission is free. For more information, contact Deacon James Moore at 670-2586 or jmoore@catholic-doc.org.

Blessed Sacrament Parish offers to provide **TUITION ASSISTANCE** for parish families who wish to send a child or children to Blessed Sacrament School or Bishop England High School for the 2010-2011 school year. The amount of assistance is influenced by the judgment of true financial need among the families who apply for help. A tuition assistance packet with information on deadlines may be picked up in the parish office beginning Monday, March 8, 2010.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKEND SCHEDULES

Men's Weekend April 15 through April 18

Women's Weekend ... April 29 through May 2

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
JOAN MCGOVERN 813-8162**



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving
Offertory
Week 09 <> Feb. 28, 2010**

1st OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

Operating	\$17,000
ECDC Mortgage	\$ 3,300
TOTAL	\$20,300

ACTUAL **\$16,523**

OUTREACH:

BSA	\$ 50
Other	\$ 26

TOTAL OFFERTORY: **\$ 16,599**

STEWARDSHIP'S NEVER ENDING CIRCLE

**Gratitude
Commitment
Trust
Generosity**

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1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year

Mar 1, 2009	\$ 172,412
Feb 28, 2010	\$ 161,349
	-\$ (11,063)

For more information or questions, contact our parish Finance Council:

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| Henry Wilson | 266-5400 | Chairman |
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